



Notice of Race

Laser Masters European Championship 2015

22-28 August 2015

Venue: Gdynia, Poland

Organizing Authority: Polish Yachting Association in conjunction with Gdynia Sports & Recreation center and the European Laser Class Association (EurILCA)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2 Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.
- 1.3 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes allowing a jury initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has been disqualified for a rule 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a rule 42 infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 1.4 Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising.

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of an ISAF National Authority may enter the regatta. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the ISAF National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10 (3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association.
- 2.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.3 No resale of entries is allowed.
- 2.4 This is a non allocated place event. Each sailor shall apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3).
- 2.5 Each sailor shall have an ISAF Sailor ID, which is required to enter the regatta. An ISAF Sailor ID can be obtained free of charge by registering online at: <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>
- 2.6 Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who reach the following age in 2015;

35 to 44	Laser Standard Apprentice or Laser Radial Apprentice
45 to 54	Laser Standard Master or Laser Radial Master
55 to 64	Laser Standard Grand Master or Laser Radial Grand Master
65 or older	Laser Standard Great Grand Master or Laser Radial Great Grand Master
75 or older	Laser Radial Legend Master
- 35 or older Laser 4.7 women only
- 2.7 Proof of age will be required at registration.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1 Applications for entry will be accepted until 1st July 2015, 2359 GMT. The entry fee payment can only be made by credit card. If you have several credit cards you should use one with an **expiry date after the 31 October 2015**.
Reason: EurILCA can only make refunds to the same credit card used to pay for application and entry.
- 3.2 Application for entry shall be made at the EurILCA regatta web-site. <http://www.eurilca.eu/>
- 3.3 After the 26 th april 2015 up until 15 July 2015 the National Laser Association will approve the applications from its country. National Laser Associations can refuse a sailor's application based upon ability or non-ILCA membership.
- 3.4 All applications will be responded to by the 15 July 2015, being informed by email that:

- a. a place has been offered, or
 - b. the application has been declined by the National Laser Association..
- 3.5 Sailors offered a place will have 14 days to complete entry. The application fee is not refundable if a sailor is offered a place and fails to accept or refuse the offered place within 14 days of it being offered.
- 3.6 The entry fee is €210 (Euro).
- 3.7 The entry closing date is 22 July 2015.
- 3.8 After 22 July 2015 entries will only be accepted at the discretion of EurILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of €260 (Euro) (€210+€50)

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.9 A sailor who has not applied by 1st July 2015 may nevertheless make a late application from 15 July 2015 until 22 July 2015. Once the National Laser Association has accepted the late application it will be automatically added to the waiting list.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 3.10 Refund of the **entry fee**:
- 3.10.1. If a sailor cancels the entry before the entry closing date, which is 22 July 2015 the full entry fee less a €35 (Euro) fee for bank and administration charges €165 (Euro) will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date.
 - 3.10.2. **No entry fee is refundable for cancellations after 22 July 2015.**
- 3.11 Refunds are made to the credit card used to pay the entry fee. If at the time of the refund (the latest by 30 August 2015) the expiry date of your card has passed (but the number has remained the same) the refund is still possible, but is much more complicated and will therefore take longer. If you have changed your credit card in the meantime (new card type and/or new number) then the refund can only be made with a bank transfer (expenses split.) Please contact the EurILCA office in this case.

4. CHARTER BOATS

- 4.1 There are no charter boats available from EurILCA for this event.

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 5.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the regatta measurer in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 5.3 For the purposes of rule G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the ISAF Member National Authority under which the entry was accepted (see 2.1 above.) This changes rule G1.1.
- 5.4 When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 5.5 Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 5.6 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 5.7 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

6. RACING FORMAT

- 6.1 The entries may be split into fleets and if so will sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 6.2 If four races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day, that qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 6.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

7. PROGRAM

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| 22 August | 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection |
| 23 August | 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection and practice race at 1500 followed by an opening ceremony. |
| 24 August | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series – if applicable) |
| 25 August | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series – if applicable) |
| 26 August | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series – if applicable) |
| 27 August | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/ final series if 4 races have been sailed) |
| 28 August | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series) followed by, prize giving party and buffet meal. |
- 7.1 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race will be 1500.
- 7.2 The time for the first warning signal on 24 August will be 1300.
- 7.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.4 Any race whose warning signal is not given by 1600 on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not resailed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of sailing instructions will be available from the race office during registration and from the EurILCA regatta web-site from 16 July 2015.

9. RACE OFFICE

- 9.1 The race office is located at the JKM "Gryf" building in Marina Gdynia.

- 9.2 The race office is open:
22 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800
23 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800
24-28 August from 0830 until 30 minutes after the close of the protest time unless extended at the discretion of the race committee

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the regatta, with the bottom mast and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 10.2 Equipment inspection will take place at the designated measurement area between the following dates and times:
22 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800
23 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1400
Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of €20 (Euro).
- 10.3 Wet clothing and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the jury.

11. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coach/support boats shall register online at the EurILCA regatta web-site before 22 July 2015.
- 11.2 All coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sails numbers of the sailors they are supporting at the race office before 1800 on 23 August 2015.
- 11.3 Each coach/support boat shall be clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support boats shall be used. A registration fee of €10 (Euro) will be required for the identification number.
- 11.4 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 11.5 Coach boat drivers and crews shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 11.6 When the coach boat engine is running coach boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 11.7 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 11.8 There will be a coaches meeting at the venue 2.5 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the regatta organization, exchange view points and inform the coaches about intentions of race committee and regatta organization in general.

12. COURSES

A trapezoid course will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes.

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with Appendix N and perform the duties listed in rule N2.

14. WHISTLE SYSTEM

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

16. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the jury.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. SAFETY

Each competitor shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 A total of four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 19.2 When from four to nine races have been completed one race score will be excluded.
- 19.3 When ten or more races have been completed two races scores will be excluded.
- 19.4 When a qualifying/final series is sailed.
(a) The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.

- (b) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
 - (c) One qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
 - (d) If only one final series race is completed it will not be excluded.
 - (e) If two or more final series races are completed then a maximum of one final series race score may be excluded.
 - (f) For the purposes of rule A4.2 "Scoring" the number of boats entered into a qualifying series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.
- 19.5 For the purposes of rule A11 "Scoring abbreviations": ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finishing, and UFD means a disqualification under instruction 14.2 (U flag penalty).

20. TITLES & PRIZES

Laser Masters' Championship

20.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law for each of the following:

- Laser Standard Apprentice Men
- Laser Standard Master Men
- Laser Standard Grand Master Men
- Laser Standard Great Grand Master Men
- Laser Radial Apprentice Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Grand Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Great Grand Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Legend Master (75 & over)
- Laser 4.7 Women

20.2 Women's results will be determined by the series score in the combined Men & Women competition. (Note: these results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)

20.3 The Radial Legend Masters (75 & Over) result will be determined by the series score in the combined Great Grand Master and Radial Legend Master fleet. (note: this result will be extracted from the overall result and published without recalculation.)

EurILCA Cube Prizes

20.4 EurILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

21. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

22. LIABILITY

22.1 The Polish Yachting Association, Gdynia Sports and recreation Center, EurILCA and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the regatta and competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk.

22.2 The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he is sailing.

22.3 A competitor shall maintain their boat in a safe and seaworthy condition.

22.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser in open water in strong winds and it is his sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.

22.5 **All competitors shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 (1.5 million Euro) per event or equivalent thereof in any other currency.**

22.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the regatta and whilst racing.

23. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold EurILCA, The Polish Yachting Association, Gdynia Sports and recreation Center, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

24. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

web-site - tba

25. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified on the EurILCA regatta web-site.

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